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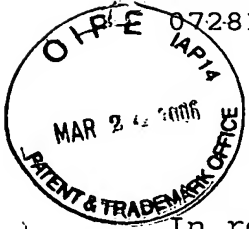
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In re Application of: Stephen Alan Foxon  
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Filing Date: March 31, 2004  
Group Art Unit: 1771  
Title: IMPROVEMENTS RELATING TO THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF PLAYING SURFACES

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

SECOND REQUEST FOR STATUS


Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application which was filed on March 31, 2004. Applicant previously filed a Request for Status on May 31, 2005. Applicant received a communication dated June 17, 2005 indicating a communication on the merits would be received in 9 months. However, Applicant has not received any communication on the merits. Accordingly, Applicant is filing this Second Request for Status to respectfully inquire about the status of the present application, and in particular to request notice of when the first Office Action on the merits will be issued.

REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and a Notification under either 35 U.S.C. §§ 132 or 151 has not been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicant at telephone number 214.953.6507.

Respectfully submitted,  
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING BY EXPRESS MAIL

I hereby certify that a Second Request for Status is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on this 24th day of March 2006, addressed to the Commissioner of Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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